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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we say with the author of Hebrews, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul."—Hebrews 6:19.

Thank You for the anchor of hope in You we have for the storms of life. We lower our anchor and it holds in the bedrock of Your faithfulness in spite of the billows of adversity and the blasts of conflict. We can ride out the storms of difficulties and discouragement because we know You will sustain us. We share the psalmist's confidence, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God."—Psalms 130:5, 38:15.

Our hope is not in the reliability of people, the predictability of circumstances, or the security of human power. Our hope is in Your grace and truth. You will neither leave nor forsake us. Keep us anchored today so we may not drift from our commitment to serve You. We claim Your destiny for our Nation. Throughout this day may we feel the tug of the anchor and know that we are secure. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, Senator LOTT, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two parties. No rollcall votes are expected during the day today.

For the information of all Senators, the Senate is expected to reconvene on

Wednesday with the expectation that the session will be largely devoted to morning business, and rollcall votes would not be anticipated on Wednesday.

Senators should be aware that on Thursday the Senate will be attending a joint meeting of Congress starting at 11:45 a.m. to hear an address by French President Jacques Chirac. Following that joint meeting, the Senate is expected to debate and vote on cloture on or in relation to the Lugar-Dole farm bill.

Additional votes could occur during the day on Thursday, and even possibly on Friday. As we get additional agreements or information on that, we will advise the Members.

MEASURE READ THE SECOND TIME—S. 1541

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill on the calendar that is due for its second reading, which is the farm bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1541) to extend, reform, and improve agricultural commodity, trade, conservation, and other programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I object to further consideration of this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there will probably be some action that will be suggested or offered with regard to the farm bill in a few minutes.

At this time, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

If the Senator from Alaska will withhold for a moment?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Certainly.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders.

The Senator from Alaska.

AMTRAK'S DECISION TO CHANGE TRAIN NAMES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I am a bit of a railroad buff, and there have been some recent changes relative to the operation of Amtrak that I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues this morning.

I think it is fair to say that it is important that we consider our traditions, and how our traditions have really brought us together as a nation and preserved the fabric of our culture.

It has been 30 years ago that we switched our telephones from exchange names to all-digit dialing. I think it is fair to say that while it increased the efficiency, it lost some of its personality. I recall we had Black 789, White 243, Green 910. We had an operator who

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